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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this paper in response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2006 (the "Office Action"). Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.